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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE - INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

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1. TO ASSIST THOSE PREPARING INTELLIGENCE UPDATE MENTIONED IN PARA FOUR STATE 58331, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE THAT TDY INTELLIGENCE SPECIALISTS WILL INVESTIGATE. BECAUSE OF PROJECT'S URGENCY AND RECOGNIZING THAT BRIEF PERIOD AVAILABLE WILL PRECLUDE EXTENSIVE RESEARCH, WE HOPE THAT MISSION CAN PROVIDE WHATEVER INFORMATION AVAILABLE BY OOB RPT OOB MONDAY, MARCH 22. WHERE DATA ALREADY REPORTED (E.G., UNDER CERP), CITATION OF REFERENCE WILL SUFFICE.

2. AGRICULTURAL AREA. WHERE IS COCA LEAF GROWN IN COLOMBIA? (BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE) HOW EXTENSIVELY?
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ESTIMATE TOTAL COCA LEAF PRODUCTION. HOW MUCH IS CULTI-

VATED? HOW MUCH IS USED BY COLOMBIAN COCA CHEWERS? AS SPECIFICALLY AS POSSIBLE INDICATE AREAS OF MARIHUANA GROWTH. WHAT ARE THE GROWING SEASONS? ANY ESTIMATE OF CULTIVATED PRODUCTION?

3. TRANSPORTATION. ESTIMATE NUMBER OF DAILY SAILINGS OUT OF THE PORTS OF TUMACO AND BUENAVENTURA BY (A) LARGE CARGO VESSELS (SUCH AS GRANCOLOMBIANA AND PRUDENTIAL); (B) COAST-WISE VESSELS VISITING PORTS IN ECUADOR AND/OR PERU; (C) FISHING VESSELS; (D) PLEASURE CRAFT. HOW MANY AIRCRAFT ARE REGISTERED IN COLOMBIA BY (A) PRIVATE OWNERS; (B) COLOMBIAN-OWNED DOMESTIC CARGO CARRIERS; (C) COLOMBIAN-OWNED INTERNATIONAL CARGO CARRIERS; (D) COLOMBIAN-OWNED PASSENGER CARRIERS. HOW MANY CHARTED AIRFIELDS ARE IN COLOMBIA? OF THESE, HOW MANY ARE PRIVATELY OWNED OR OTHERWISE NOT CONTROLLED BY GOC? IS THERE ANY ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER AND LOCATIONS OF UNCHARTED AIRFIELDS? (MAY HAVE BEEN REPORTED BY DEFENSE ATTACHE.)

4. TOTAL NUMBER OF U.S. VISAS ISSUED IN 1975, BY TYPE. PLEASE DISCUSS BRIEFLY EXTENT OF PROBLEM POSED BY FALSE COLOMBIAN PASSPORTS, FALSIFIED AND COUNTERFEIT U.S. VISAS, AND QUESTIONABLE VISA APPLICANTS. WHAT ROLE DO COLOMBIAN TOURIST AGENCIES PLAY IN THIS PROBLEM?

5. COMMERCIAL QUESTIONS. LATEST ANNUAL AND QUARTERLY FIGURES ON VOLUME OF COLOMBIAN EXPORTS TO THE U.S. NUMBER OF DAILY SAILINGS FROM COLOMBIAN PORTS TO THE U.S. NUMBER OF DAILY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS BY ALL COMMERCIAL (CARGO AND PASSENGER) AIRCRAFT TO THE U.S. ESTIMATE NUMBER OF DAILY NON-SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS. ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE VOLUME OF ETHER IMPORTED INTO COLOMBIA IN RELATION TO LEGITIMATE NEEDS. WHAT TYPES OF ETHER ARE IMPORTED AND WHAT ARE THEIR LEGITIMATE USES?

6. GENERAL. HOW DOES THE STATE OF SIEGE AFFECT JUDICIAL PROCEDURES AS THEY RELATE TO NARCOTICS OFFENSES? HOW LONG IS IT ANTICIPATED THAT THE STATE OF SIEGE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT? WHAT IS THE AVERAGE SENTENCE GIVEN COLOMBIAN NATIONALS FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING OVER ONE KILO
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OF COCAINE OR ONE TON OF MARIHUANA AND WHAT IS THE ACTUAL TIME SERVED? WHAT IS YOUR ESTIMATE OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CURRENT U.S.-COLOMBIAN EXTRADITION TREATY AS A DETERRENT TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING?

7. IF MISSION FINDS IT MORE CONVENIENT, MISSION ELEMENTS MAY SUBMIT SEPARATE REPLIES TO ABOVE QUESTIONS RATHER

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